

COMMITTEE ON ART EDUCATION

BASIC ART MATERIALS
FOR HOME AND SCHOOL USE

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P A I N T I N G A N D D R A W I N G M A T E R I A L S

PAINT - Show Card or Tempera, moist

Approximate
Prices

Basic colors for all ages, 3 years and over, are:

white	red	green
black	yellow	blue

The following colors can be added for older age levels:

orange	brown	dark green
yellow ochre	dark red	

8 oz. 65¢

Buy in pint jars, or no less than 8 oz. jars for economy

1 pt. \$1

BRUSHES

Bristle brushes, brights, (flat, short bristles)

1", 3/4", and 1/2" wide, for ages 3 - 5 years

90¢ - 35¢

add 1/4" wide for ages 5 and over

25¢

Camel hair brush, add one small, pointed, approximately
1/4" in diameter, for details, for ages 10 and over

50¢ - 75¢

PAPER FOR PAINTING AND DRAWING

White drawing, 18" x 24" (most used)

ream (500
sheets) \$8-\$10

Bogus (gray), 18" x 24" (occasional use)

250 sh. \$4.50

Colored, 18" x 24" (may be used for added interest)

100 sh. \$2-\$3

LECTURERS' CHALKS, round or square

Basic colors for all ages, 3 years and over, are:

black	yellow	orange
white	blue	brown
red	green	

doz.

\$1.10 - \$1.20

Other colors may be added for older students such as:
dark and light secondary colors, and neutrals

PAINTING AND DRAWING MATERIALS, continued

Approximate
Prices

Chamois, 5" x 8"	20¢
Charcoal, medium and soft For children, aged 10 years and over	24 sticks 60¢ - \$1.20
Fixatif, pastel - may be applied with an atomizer or an ordinary insect spray	qt. \$2.00
Glass caster cups - used to hold paint on tray or easel	each 6¢
Gum eraser	5¢
Sponge, cellulose - used to wipe brushes	35¢
Syrup jars with metal tongues (used for paint dispensers) 8 oz. size for children 3 - 5 years and home use, pint size for school use with children over 5 years	50¢ - 75¢
Tray, or shallow pan, aluminum or other metal 10" x 14" may be used as a palette	40¢ - 75¢
Water dish, plastic bowl of pint capacity	15¢ - 25¢

Paints, paper, and other art materials can be secured from a local art store or department stores.

CLAY WORK MATERIALS

CLAY - Moist gray

Approximate
Prices

25 pound lots

lb. 10¢ - 12¢

Buy in 100 lb. tubs for economy, store in earthenware
crock or galvanized garbage pail, covered with
damp cloths

lb. 6¢ - 7¢

TOOLS

Tongue depressors, for ages 3 - 5 years

100 - 40¢

Small wooden modeling tools of various shaped ends
to be added after 5 years of age, approximately 6":
pointed, wedge shaped, rounded, spoon shaped, saw
toothed, and wire loop tool.

wooden tools
each 20¢
loop tool
65¢ - 95¢

Sponge, natural

85¢ - \$3.50

Tiles, white, or any flat plate (to work on)

6" x 6"
doz. \$2.75

FOR FINISHING UNFIRED WORK

Show Card or Tempera paint (see Painting Materials)

Liquid wax

pint 75¢

FOR KEEPING PROJECTS DAMP, to be worked on over a period of time

Rag to cover object

Plaster bat

8 1/2" - 60¢

Earthenware jar, large food can, or plastic food bag

Materials for clay work can be secured from a local art store, or a
ceramic supply store.

C O L L A G E

THINGS THAT CAN BE BOUGHT

Approximate
Prices

Colored construction paper, 6" x 9", or larger (1,2)	100 sheets 30¢
White paper, 9" x 12", or larger (1,4)	ream \$2 - \$3
Cardboard, white and colored (1)	sheet 12¢-40¢
Patterned paper for gift wrappings (2,4,6)	10¢ - 50¢
Metallic paper (2,4,6)	roll 25¢ - \$2
Cloth, various printed patterns and woven textures particularly good are inexpensive cottons, burlap (4)	
Gelatines, theatrical, come in sheets approximately 20"x24", but should be cut into small pieces, 4"x4" (5)	each 20¢ - 25¢
Gummed stickers: stars, abstract shapes, arrows, legal (2,6)	box 10¢ - 35¢
String, balls of different colors and weights (2,3,6)	10¢ - 25¢
Raffia, comes in a variety of colors (1)	1b. \$1.25-\$1.50
Yarn, heavy cotton rug yarn, wool yarns (2,4)	25¢ - 75¢
Feathers, sold wholesale by the pound, but for home use ornaments from the 5¢ & 10¢ store may be dismantled, small soft feathers and small quills are best (2,5)	10¢ - \$1
Absorbent cotton (2,4)	25¢
Chamois (1,2)	20¢ - 50¢
Wire mesh, screening and fencing, by the yard (3)	35¢ - \$1.25
Beads, buttons, sequins (2,4)	5¢ - \$1
Sponge scrap (1)	10 lb. \$5-\$6
Plastic Scrap, thin and pliable (5)	1b. \$1-\$1.50
Pipe cleaners, white and colored, long desirable (1,2,6)	100 - \$1.25
Toothpicks, white and colored (2)	5¢ - 15¢
Straws, colored cellophane and plain (2,4)	10¢ - 25¢

COLLAGE MATERIALS, continued

Approximate
Prices

Corks, small sizes (2,3)	doz. 10¢
Confetti (2)	10¢ - 25¢
Tinsel (2)	10¢ - 25¢
Sandpaper (3)	sheet 2¢-4¢

Collage materials can be secured at 5¢ & 10¢ stores, department stores, and almost any kind of neighborhood shop. The numbers in parenthesis after the items refer to the code below, and are a suggestion of sources:

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| 1. art supply store | 3. hardware store | 5. specialized store |
| 2. 5¢ & 10¢ store | 4. department store | 6. stationery store |

The above list suggests possibilities. You can enrich this number by looking in local stores about you, and in your own everyday environment.

THINGS YOU CAN FIND

Patterned paper - gift wrappings or envelope linings

Corrugated paper from wrappings

Cloth, scraps left from sewing

Ribbon, braid trimmings, rick-rack

Beads, buttons, sequins

String

Yarn

Feathers from trimmings

Fur scraps, felt, or leather

Absorbent cotton

Cancelled postage stamps

Tinfoil or other metallic paper

COLLAGE MATERIALS, continued

Wallpaper

Newspaper

Tooth picks

Straws, colored cellophane and plain

Corks

Wire mesh, scraps from screens or fencing

Sawdust

Shells

Seeds and grasses

Leaves

Sand

TOOLS

Scissors, small with blunt ends for youngest children,
larger and pointed for older (2,3,4)

15¢ - \$1.50

Paper punch (2,6)

25¢ - \$3

Wire snips (2,3)

50¢ - \$2.50

Stapler (2,4,6)

50¢ - \$7.50

LePage's Mucilage with rubber top dispenser (2,6)

each 25¢

Liquid paste (1,2,6)

5 oz. 45¢
qt. \$1.50

Duco cement, for plastic, metal (2,3,6)

10¢ - 25¢

Rubber cement (1,2,6)

tube 25¢
qt. \$1.10

Scotch tape (2,6)

10¢ - \$2.50

Paper fasteners (2,6)

box 15¢ - 30¢

Paper clips (2,6)

box 10¢

COLLAGE AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

All of the items listed under Collage, and in addition:

THINGS THAT CAN BE BOUGHT

Approximate
Prices

Wire, various weights, from 16 to 26 gauge, and a variety, such as copper, brass, iron (3)

lb. 55¢-\$1.50

Balsa wood, thickness varying from 1/2" to 2" (1)

Soft woods, 1/4", 1/2" and 3/4" thick (5)

Dowels, 1/8" to 1/2" (1,5)

doz. 20¢-95¢

Taggers tin, sheets 20" x 28" (3)

sheet 45¢

Metal foil, copper, brass, aluminum, from 24 to 30 gauge (3)

sq.ft.
15¢-\$1.00

Clay, for bases (see Clay Work Materials)

Plastic scrap, rigid, in sheets, rods, bars (5)

lb. \$1-\$1.50

THINGS YOU CAN FIND

Wood, scraps

Metal and wire, scraps

Spools, from thread, adhesive tape, etc.

Small boxes, such as thumbtacks, pills come in, partitions in vitamin capsule boxes

Driftwood, or twigs

Pebbles

COLLAGE AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, continued

TOOLS

Hammer, light

Saw, coping

Hand drill and bits

Chain nose pliers - for working wire

Nails, brads, screws, tacks - assorted sizes

Thumbtacks

Screw driver

